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Temperature 6 a.m. 74 2 p.m. 47  
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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### BRITISH FOURTH ARMY ATTACKING.

#### SEVERAL THOUSAND PRISONERS CAPTURED.

#### FRENCH PIERCE GERMAN SECOND MAIN LINE.

London, October 5.  
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing to-day, says:—I hear that day's attack by the Fourth Army is progressing well. It is reported that we have taken Seneffe, Ramincourt, Gisy and Le Cateau as well as several thousand prisoners. Whether we shall gain Aubersville Ridge, which is the key to Lille, without severe fighting, remains to be seen.

#### How Long?

London, October 3.  
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, after mentioning tremendous counter-attacks north and south of Cambrai yesterday afternoon, asks how long the steadily thinning enemy forces can stand the terrific pace and losses. They are heavily attacking on other fronts to stay the progress on Cambrai, which savours of giving hostages to disaster, but perhaps the strategically most important part of the British front is north of Lens, where the enemy is withdrawing.

#### Another Franco-Belgian Attack.

London, October 4.  
A Belgian communiqué states:—The Franco-Belgians yesterday attacked strong enemy position. The troops advanced on a line of two kilometres and reached the outskirts of Hooglede and also the Hooglede-Roulers Road. A violent enemy counter-attack westwards of Roulers was smashed up before reaching our lines.  
During the 2nd inst. a Belgian armoured car daringly crossed the German lines and entered Roulers, despite heavy enemy fire from all sides. The car subsequently returned through the German positions and reached our lines.

#### Good Work by Aviators.

London, October 3.  
Reporting on aviation, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says:—We dropped forty three tons of bombs on selected targets. A concentrated attack was made on a rail junction at Aulnoy. We blew up an ammunition train and set fire to rolling stock. Photographs show that great damage and much disorganisation were effected in this centre of enemy communication.  
We heavily bombed Lille and Valenciennes stations and many targets in the battle area. We destroyed fifteen hostile machines and drove down five uncontrollable. We also compelled another to land in our lines and forced nine balloons to flame. Eight British machines are missing. One reported missing on the 2nd inst. has now returned.  
Night flying was almost impossible, but before dawn a squadron dropped a ton of bombs. All returned.

#### A Wonderful British Exploit.

London, October 3.  
Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing this evening and describing the wonderful exploit of the Forty-Sixth Midland Division on September 29, which enabled us to enter the main Hindenburg system in its most formidable part, says the front of attack was three thousand yards and embraced Le Hancourt, Bellenglise, Magny la Fosse and the strongly-fortified Talane Hill. Our jumping-off line was two thousand yards from the St. Quentin Canal, the arrangements for the crossing of which were rehearsed the day before on the Somme.  
On reaching the western bank, men with lifebelts swam across, while others swung life-lines across to enable the non-swimmers to cross. By ten o'clock the whole force was on the eastern bank.  
A considerable concentration of guns in the ravine towards Le Hancourt was rushed, many teams bolting and others being bayoneted or shot.  
A corporal of the Sappers performed a gallant feat by advancing alone to a road bridge which was mined, cutting the wire leads. The first waves, which swam across charged the enemy through Bellenglise and came to the mouth of a long tunnel sheltering a large body of the enemy waiting to counter-attack. Grenades thrown into the entrance brought no result, so a strong party with Lewis guns was despatched to hold the farther end.  
We captured a Howitzer drawn up to the mouth of the tunnel. A high-explosive shell was fired into the darkness of the cavern above. A roar rose up of screams of panic-stricken men, a dense mass of whom streamed from the farther end. There was no call or demand to surrender. Over a thousand were taken prisoner from this Bellenglise cavern. When the Forty-Sixth paused on the final objectives they had taken 4,200 prisoners, forty guns and over a thousand machine-guns while breaking deep into the Siegfried Line, all at the cost of less than one-fifth of the number of prisoners.

#### Important Point Pierced.

London, October 3.  
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, writing this afternoon, states:—The capture of the railway junction at Challerange means that the enemy's second main line of resistance in eastern Champagne has been breached. The enemy's original line of defence here consisted of a belt of old fortifications, one to five miles in depth. The line of 1915 had become the outpost zone of the 1918 line. Behind, a far stronger main line of resistance was constructed. The first line fell first in the morning. During the next two days the Germans were driven out of the main line, but retired to the second line positions, prepared seven miles at the rear of the first. It is this line, running from Notre Dame-des-Champs on the west, in front of Orfueil, Monthais and Challerange, which is now pierced.  
Some of the enemy's first line positions are of fantastic strength. The second main line, which the enemy is now holding, consists of a chain of concrete machine-gun shelters with an abundance of very deep wire entanglements. The fighting has been of very obstinate character. The enemy began with thirteen Divisions, then added twelve new Divisions, all of which were enjoined not to yield an inch of ground after the outpost line had been crossed. A captured Order says:—"It must be driven into the flesh and blood of the men that they must hold their ground. The honour of the officers stands or falls with these positions. When the main line of resistance is at stake, there is no such thing as mobile defence."

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### BRITISH FOURTH ARMY ATTACKING.

#### A Franco-American Success.

London, October 4.  
An American communiqué states:—With the French we drove back the enemy and took Mont Blanc and other positions in Champagne.  
Between the Moselle and Argonne Forest there was artillery and patrol activity. We took numerous prisoners.

#### GERMAN POLITICAL CHANGES.

Creating an Appearance of Democratisation.  
London, October 3.  
The report that Prince Max has been appointed Chancellor is generally accepted as correct. He has distinguished himself during the war by several Liberal speeches.  
Other appointments mentioned are:—Herr Escherger, Director of Propaganda; Herr Hase, of the Liberal *Berlin Tageblatt*, as Chief of the Press Department; the Socialist, Herr Legien, as Labour Minister.  
It is significant that Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, Ambassador to Copenhagen, whom the *Local Anzeiger* once called a Defeatist, is mentioned as Foreign Secretary.  
It is pointed out that while these changes are made with the object of creating an appearance of democratisation, it is well known that the powerlessness of the Reichstag remains.  
It transpires that the Suffrage Committee of the Prussian Upper House, in adopting the suffrage proposal cabled on the 2nd inst., added a proviso that every man over forty should have two votes. Vorwärts protests that this nullifies equal suffrage.

#### Prince Max's Appointment Criticised.

London, October 3.  
There is some criticism in Germany at Prince Max's appointment. It is pointed out that the fact that he is the future ruler, is inconsistent with the Democratic idea, and if he fails it will be a big blow for the reigning Houses of Germany.  
According to Vorwärts, Herr Scheidemann will be Secretary of State without portfolio, whilst the Socialists will also get several Parliamentary Under-Secretaryships. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Herr Scheidemann and a Centrist Deputy, will form the Inner Committee of the Government.

#### THE MILITARY OUTLOOK.

#### Will the Enemy Create a Danube Front?

London, October 3.  
Reuter learns that the German Infantry Divisions on the Western Front are now reduced to 187, together with five Austro-Hungarian Divisions.  
Military experts are of the opinion that with a view to keeping Turkey in the war, the Central Powers will be obliged to establish a new front on the Danube, and to reinforce Turkey. The question is where troops will be got for this purpose. There are thirty-three second-rate German, and thirteen second-rate Austrian Divisions in Russia with which it will be possible to create a Danube Front, while troops could be transferred in forty-eight hours from Odessa and Constantinople, but the raising of these forces will mean the evacuation of Russia and the giving up of the whole of the results of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty.  
It is reported that the Austrian left flank is now retiring along the whole line in Albania.

#### TURKEY AND PEACE.

#### Nothing Definite Yet Transpired.

London, October 3.  
Reuter learns from well-informed quarters that, notwithstanding various reports, there is still nothing definite regarding Turkey's desire for peace.  
It is felt that no official overtures will be forthcoming until Turkey knows definitely what military action the Central Powers will or will not be able to take.

#### THE ALBANIAN CAMPAIGN.

#### Italians Continuing to Advance.

London, October 4.  
An Italian semi-official message says:—The Italian right wing is continuing to advance astride the O-om and has occupied and passed beyond Berat. We continue the pursuit.

#### WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

#### American Proposal Dropped.

London, October 3.  
Reuter's correspondent at Washington says the Senate, by 53 to 31 votes, agreed to woman suffrage, mentioned on September 30, but as the necessary two-thirds majority was not secured, the proposal drops.

#### BRITISH TORPEDO GUNBOAT SUNK.

London, October 3.  
The Admiralty announces that a torpedo gunboat on September 30 was sunk through a collision with a merchantman. One officer and fifty-two men are missing.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### AMERICA AND CHINA'S OPIUM DEAL.

Peking, Oct. 4.  
An American note to China regrets that China has sanctioned the purchase of the opium stocks at Shanghai and has arranged for the disposal thereof in contravention of the spirit of The Hague treaty which both China and America ratified. The note adds that this action endangers the beneficial results hitherto achieved in the direction of wiping out the opium traffic. America hopes that the transaction will not be completed, and that China will take steps to cancel the agreement with the opium merchants. Similar action by Britain is expected.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE BALKAN FRONT.

#### French Do Good Work.

London, Oct. 3.  
A French eastern communiqué dated Oct. 1, says: French cavalry played a particularly brilliant part in the operations preceding the signing of the armistice. After entering Plopp on Sept. 33 they captured considerable booty and subsequently vigorously co-operated with infantry in overcoming the enemy resistance before Velea. The cavalry turned the defences of Velea by following almost impassable mountain paths and then daringly penetrated the enemy lines and on Sept. 29 came within sight of Uskub, which it carried dismounted, in sheer fighting, holding on despite furious counter-attacks aided by fresh Bulgarian reinforcements. During this operation, carried out with the greatest daring, the cavalry prisoners 400, including 200 Germans. They also captured seven heavy guns, a large number of horses and cattle and a train laden with corn consigned to Germany. The measures provided for in the armistice are being carried out.

#### Turkey and Bulgaria.

London, Oct. 3.  
The "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Milan telegraphing on 1st Oct. says: The Grand Vizier had important conferences at Sofia and reached important decisions before returning to Constantinople.  
A Bulgarian communiqué announces that the armistice was signed on the evening of Sept. 29 and exhorts the nation to be calm as the day of definitive peace is near.  
Reuter learns that some delay is to be expected in the carrying out completely of the Bulgarian armistice, owing to the congestion of the railways and roadways, due to the present demoralised Bulgarian army. There is no confirmation from any quarter of enemy reports as regards Austro-German military movements in the Balkans. Anyway the Allied command has the matter well in hand. As regards Turkey no definite change has occurred, but there are persistent rumours in financial quarters, which coming events may well justify.

#### THE PALESTINE CAMPAIGN.

London, Oct. 2.  
The Allies have formally recognised the belligerent status of the Arabs fighting as auxiliaries with the Allies in Palestine and Syria.  
A Palestine official message states: Australian mounted troops entered Damascus on the night of Sept. 30. At six in the morning of Oct. 1 the city was occupied by the British and a portion of the Arab army of King Hussein. Over 7,000 were prisoners. After the surrender, excepting the necessary guards, all the Allied troops were withdrawn from the city, and for the present the local authorities are responsible for the administration.  
A Palestine communiqué states: Australian mounted troops on Oct. 2 captured an enemy column in the vicinity of Kabbet-Asad, seventeen miles north-eastward of Damascus, imprisoning 1,500 and taking two guns and forty machine-guns. Aeroplanes heavily bombed an enemy aerodrome and railway establishments at Rayak.

#### SWEDISH RAILWAY DISASTER.

Stockholm, Oct. 2.  
Over a hundred have been killed, including fifty children, and sixty injured in a train disaster at Malmö. Owing to heavy rains washing away the track the train was derailed while travelling at sixty miles an hour and fell down a high bank. The gas tanks exploded and set fire to the whole train, many being incinerated.

Copenhagen, Oct. 2.  
It is feared that 350 have been killed owing to the derailment of a passenger train near Malmö.

#### SHARP REMINDER TO GERMANY.

London, Oct. 3.  
Reuter learns that the Government has despatched a peremptory telegram to Germany demanding an immediate answer as regards the exchange of prisoners. The negotiation at the Hague in July did not materialise solely because Germany introduced at the eleventh hour the irrelevant question of Germans in China and sought the release of submarine prisoners, doubtless with a view to re-employment against Allied and neutral shipping. It is noteworthy hereabout that the Franco-German prisoner agreement had to be suspended immediately it was ratified owing to German dishonesty as to its execution.

#### THE GERMAN CRISIS.

Amsterdam, Oct. 3.  
Berlin party leaders have decided that the Reichstag should hold a plenary session on Tuesday or Wednesday to hear the Government's statements.  
Amsterdam, Oct. 2.  
A message from Berlin confirms that all the State Secretaries have resigned. The Prussian Upper House has passed the general direct suffrage.

#### RUSSIA'S INDEMNITY.

Amsterdam, Oct. 2.  
A message from Berlin states that the second instalment in gold of the Russian indemnity has been received at the frontier by representatives of the Reichstag.

#### A BRITISH EXPEDITION.

Copenhagen, Oct. 2.  
The British flag has been hoisted at Ebelshavn Harbour, Spitzbergen, where the German wireless was destroyed.

#### NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

Copenhagen, Oct. 3.  
The Berlin "Mitte Zeitung" states that Prince Max of Baden becomes the Chancellor.

#### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Oct. 1.  
The silver market is quiet.  
(Continued on page 2.)

## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

#### THE TURF.

#### Jeckey Club Stakes.

London, October 3.  
At Newmarket the Jeckey Club Stakes resulted as follows:—  
Prince Chimney ... 1.  
Gainsborough ... 2.  
Queen's Square ... 3.  
Seven ran; won by a length, four lengths separating second and third.  
The betting was:—20 to 1 against Prince Chimney; 11 to 2 on Gainsborough; 20 to 1 against Queen's Square.

#### A SUSPICIOUS VISITOR.

Found in Sir Charles Elliot's House.

A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with being in Sir Charles Elliot's house at the University for an unlawful purpose. Inspector McDonald prosecuted.

Defendant said he went there to see a friend, but when questioned by the Police he could not give the name.

A houseboy employed by Sir Charles Elliot said that at 12.30 p.m. he saw the defendant loitering about the premises. Witness asked him what he wanted, and he said he wanted to see his friend. The name was asked, but he could not answer, so the houseboy arrested him and handed him over to the Police.

Inspector McDonald said that Sir Charles Elliot was temporarily absent and the place was occupied by Mr. W. P. C. Trafford, who was not there at the time. The Police had nothing against the defendant, who said that he usually slept in the streets at Yau-mat. A year ago he met a man who told him that he was employed at the University. The defendant did not know his name. It was subsequently found that at the University nobody knew him. His Worship sentenced defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

#### BANK RETURNS.

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th September, 1918, as certified by the managers of the respective banks are as follows:—

Bank.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.	\$ 2,334,247	\$5,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.	\$21,912,533	17,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited.	1,798,713	550,000

Total ... \$25,045,493 22,550,000  
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#### TO-MORROW.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Pension Minister's £3,000,000.  
A preliminary scheme has been  
drawn up for the control of the  
£3,000,000 Voluntary Fund,  
which is being raised by Mr.  
John Hodge. The Minister of  
Pensions is to control the Fund,  
which is for the benefit of dis-  
charged disabled officers and  
men, their wives, widows, families  
or dependants, and the main  
object will be to establish appli-  
cants in civil life. It is intended  
to use the machinery of the Local  
War Pensions Committees in  
working out the scheme.

## Canadian Crop Outlook.

Reports from Western Canada  
show that the continued dry wea-  
ther is having a serious effect on  
the crop outlook, and the outlook  
is not as encouraging for a big  
crop as it was a month ago. The  
damage is chiefly confined to the  
western half of Saskatchewan  
and southern Alberta. Rains  
may improve the situation, but a  
bumper crop is not expected. The  
situation in Manitoba is much  
better than in Saskatchewan and  
Alberta. Crop conditions in On-  
tario and Eastern Canada, on the  
other hand, are excellent and  
according to present appearances  
there will be one of the largest  
harvests in the history of the East.

## Indian Medical Service.

Mr. E. S. Montagu, Secretary  
of State for India, received a  
deputation from the British  
Medical Association recently in  
regard to the Indian Medical  
Service. He admitted India's  
need of doctors, and said it would  
be folly not to prepare to offer  
sufficiently attractive conditions  
when peace came. The emolu-  
ments of the service were at  
present inadequate and in need  
of revision, and he proposed to  
communicate with Government  
of India on the subject. As  
regards private practice, the  
efficiency of an indigenous pro-  
fession would be assisted by free  
competition. Friction was inher-  
ent in the co-existence of the  
I.M.S. and the B.A.M.C. in  
India. The two services must be  
considered together with a view  
to promoting harmony and as far  
as possible achieving unification.

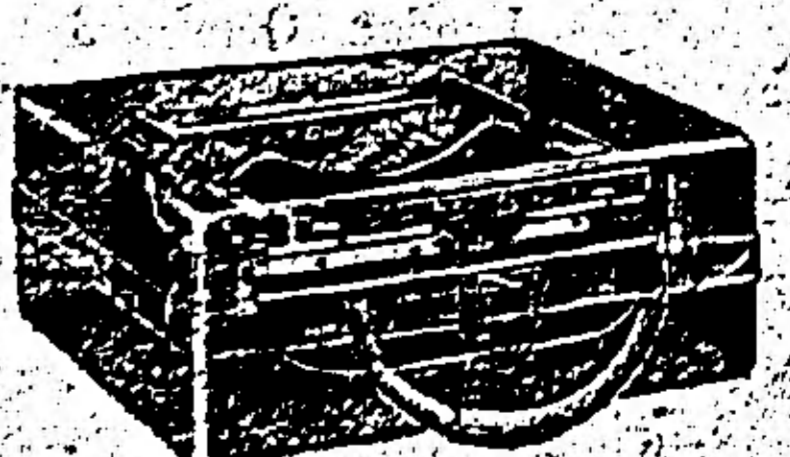
Volcanic Activity in the Kuriles.  
On the 8th of last month at  
2.30 p.m. Mount Shiraiye, on  
Urup Island, in the Kuriles, burst  
into violent eruption, this activity  
being followed by tremendous  
tidal waves rising to a height of  
40 feet. Of 57 men engaged in  
salvage operations on the Old-  
demia, which stranded some time  
ago in Iwami Bay, on the east  
coast of the island, 20 Koreans  
and 3 Japanese, were swept away  
by the waves and drowned. Of  
the remainder 21 took re-  
fuge at St. Peter, but the  
remaining 13 are believed to  
be still on or near the wreck. The  
Urup-maru, of the Department of  
Agriculture and Commerce, left  
Nagasaki on Wednesday morning  
(11th instant) to rescue the men.  
Fears are entertained regarding  
the safety of others engaged in  
salvage work on this coast. About  
24 men were engaged in re-  
floating the Seishin-maru in Ijin Bay,  
and 27 others in refloating the  
Tenkuei-maru in Horai Bay. It  
is feared that these places were  
also swept by the tidal waves, but  
the fate of the men is not yet  
known.

Russian News and Palestine.  
The Petrograd correspondent  
of the London Jewish Chronicle  
writes in its issue of July 19th,  
as follows:—"Large sums are  
being subscribed in Russia for  
industrial and commercial under-  
takings in Palestine. Prepara-  
tions are being made to open at  
Petrograd an industrial bank  
for Palestine with a capital of 25  
million roubles. Ten million  
roubles have already been sub-  
scribed. The Zionist Company,  
Habonah. (The Builder) has  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

**Giant U.S. Aeroplane.**  
The first serial super-dreadnought, the United States giant aeroplane, was "launched" recently. It is believed to be capable of crossing the Atlantic.

**Another Munitions Loan.**  
A report given out by the Peking News Agency says that Japanese Arms and Munitions loan is \$10,000,000. The proceeds are to be used to purchase arms and munitions from the Japanese Trading Company. The agreement of the loan was signed recently between the military authorities of the two countries. It is stated that this loan is based on the Sino-Japanese Military agreement.

**Bullet from the Heart.**  
The *Matin* publishes an account of a remarkably daring operation upon the heart performed by Surgeon-Major du Vergey, a graduate of the Bordeaux Medical School, who succeeded, in an operation upon a wounded soldier in a town of Eastern France, in extracting a bullet which had entered the right ventricle of the heart. The operation was completely successful, and the patient has now entirely recovered.

**Silent Witness of U. Boats.**  
A small boat, badly damaged by shell fire, has been landed at Flamborough. It contained the dead body of a man, since identified as the master of the French logger *Madeline*. In the bottom of the boat was found the arm of a man, showing signs that it had been severed by shell-fire, and there was also evidence of several other men having been killed in the little craft. It is considered that the occupants of the boat were victims of a U-boat attack.

**Punjab Loyalty.**  
A magnificent example of Punjab loyalty is afforded by the Zamindars of the Lyallpur district, who have spontaneously offered a gift of a 25th of the entire wheat crop, estimated to be worth 21 lakhs (£140,000), to the Government for expenses of the war. The Government has expressed its cordial appreciation, and has asked the people to invest the money in the War Loan, the interest to be used for village purposes, including assistance to soldiers' families and encouragement of recruiting.

**Resticting Cotton Gambling.**  
The rules under the Defence of India Act authorising the Bombay Government, to constitute a Cotton Contracts Committee are aimed at the gambling which resulted in maintaining the prices of spot cotton at a high level and in hindering the provision of supplies of cloth for military purposes. The Committee is armed with wide powers, including the establishment of a clearing-house, the regulation of contracts, the fixing of settling days, the licensing of brokers. Contravention of the rules is punishable with six months' imprisonment.

**Too Enthusiastic Solicitor.**  
Considering that he had been led away by his own enthusiasm, a jury at the Old Bailey recently recommended mercy in the case of Albert Lewis Greenburg, a solicitor, of Bedford Row, found guilty of attempting to pervert the course of justice. He was said to have approached a woman witness in another case with the suggestion that she might fail to identify a chemist whom Greenburg was defending. It was his first case, and he said he had no knowledge of the criminal law. The Common Serjeant remarked that the defendant's conduct struck at the foundation of justice. That he had enthusiasm for his client was no palliation for the offence. He sentenced Greenburg to six months in the second division.

**175 Excursionists Drowned.**  
As the result of an accident to the excursion steamer *Columbia* recently it is believed that 175 persons were drowned. The vessel hit the bank in a fog and overturned in the Illinois River. The *Columbia* was returning late at night from an amusement park, where her 500 passengers had spent several hours picnicking. When she had gone halfway the ship ran into the bank, tearing a hole in her bow, and she sank in a few minutes. The passengers were seized with panic, especially in the dining hall on the second

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deck, where 150 persons were trampled upon and injured. Men, women, and children jumped into the water without lifebelts. In response to distress signals, boats came from various directions and began to pick up those still afloat, a difficult task on account of the darkness. Twenty bodies were recovered by 4 o'clock.

**German Officer on the Americans.**  
"We kill or are killed." This is a phrase attributed to captured Americans as characteristic of their high moral by Lieutenant von..., who is, apparently, the German examining officer of one of the divisions which opposed the Americans in the fighting in Belleau Wood. His whole report on the American prisoners is an unqualified eulogy. He said the American division must be considered a very excellent one, the men of the storming troop class very confident, physically very fine, and of particularly high moral. He remarks that the two attacks on Belleau Wood were effected with fine intrepidity, but regrets that he could get no information from prisoners as to the American positions. He expresses surprise that the men he questioned should have so readily adopted European sentiment as to the origin and objects of the war, and considers remarkable their explanation that they have come to Europe to defend their country. He adds, of course, that their fighting fervour rests on a moral basis, and seemingly consoles himself with the thought that it may be difficult to maintain this basis, but he, at least, is very much impressed by the American prisoners he has seen, and hastens to communicate his impressions to his superiors. Thus does the enlightenment of Germany out-

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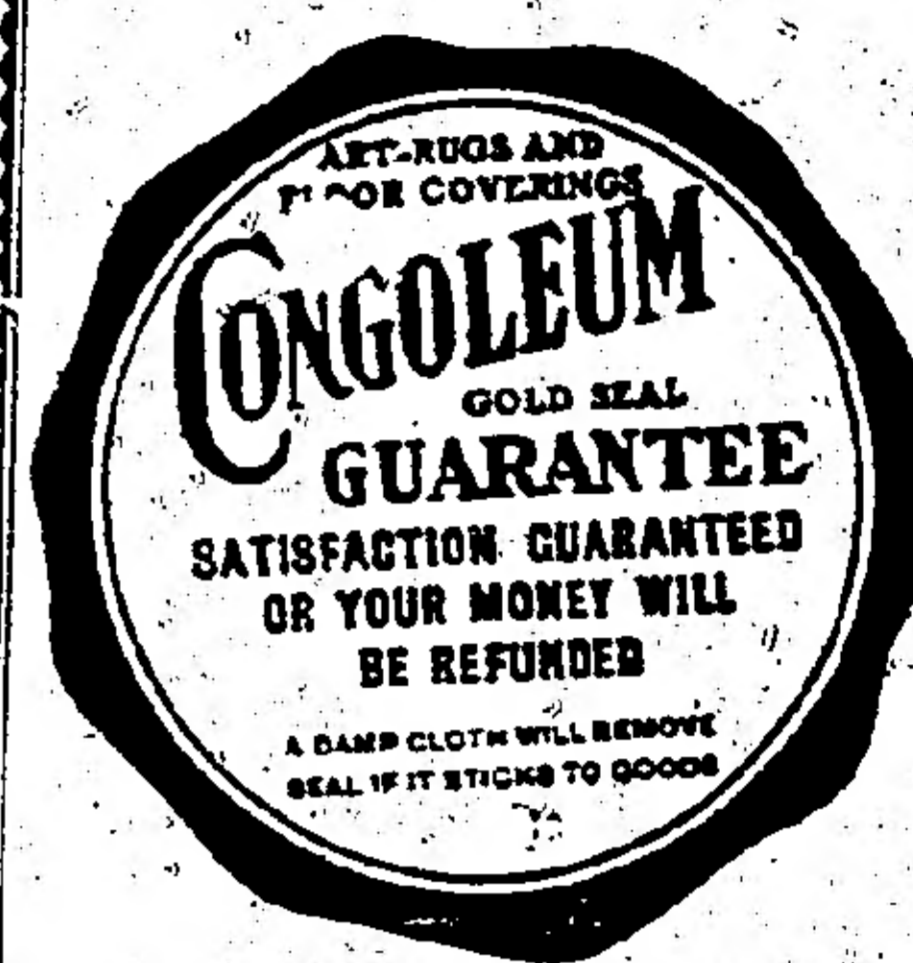
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### "A CRY OF DESPAIR."

The news from Bulgaria has come as a thunder-clap to Germany and a terrible panic is growing stronger every day. Whatever amount of bluster is summoned up to meet the occasion it is quite clear to all in Germany that the military and political policy have utterly failed. We think the popular phrase "up against it" is the one that most tersely hits off the feeling of the Germans at the present time. The people are growing with discontent, and everything seems to have gone wrong. In a few months Germany has lost a quarter of a million men in the recent Allied drives in France and Belgium, the hardships and want of food at home are becoming unbearable, and, to crown all, her Allies are deserting her or becoming paralyzed. The recent riot in Berlin when a crowd of Berliners cheered the Bulgarian Embassy and ultimately smashed some public statues should be enough in itself to show that the situation is dangerously critical. And now comes the news that all Germany is panic-stricken as it has never been since the beginning of the war. A slump has occurred in all war industry stock and the Berlin Bourse is tottering, so terrible is the blow that has been struck.

The Government also is entirely at a loss, but is feverishly attempting to form itself into a Coalition Government which they think might quiet the people. The press is still incredulous that the Bulgars have entirely deserted the Central Powers, and are pinning their last hopes on the reinforcements which they have hurriedly dispatched to Sofia. But all are agreed about the deadly seriousness of the situation, and one, a Junker organ, openly asserts that a Dictatorship is the only means of saving the country. One thing is certain, a terrible upheaval is imminent—politically and socially. Can we wonder then at the despairing wail of the Kaiser, when he sees his invincible armies slowly but surely being driven back, and his people terror-stricken and ripe for rebellion? "Gather round me for the defence of the Fatherland." Will this cry be answered now with the same readiness and patriotic fervour as hitherto, or will his subjects turn on him and his like, as the Bulgars have done, and as the Austrians will probably do?

However the appeal has had a certain effect, for the reports from the Western Front state that the Germans are fighting with a bravery and tenacity which proves that they know they are with their backs against the wall. It is doubtful, however, if the appeal will have the same effect on the people at home, but nevertheless we would utter a warning against over-optimism. As we said before, the Germans are putting up a brave and gallant fight in France, and we probably have a long and arduous task in front of us. Even if the downfall of Turkey speedily follows, the hardest part of the Allies' military task would still remain. Let us not lose sight of the fact that Germany, as over four years of war have taught us, is a strong and resourceful fighter, and this new development is perhaps only a passing phase. In all probability the knowledge that they are indeed struggling for their very existence will give the German armies a new and greater impetus, and will weld its people more firmly together. Whatever many, even, however, it is only with confidence and great hope that we can look forward to the future.

### Germany's Man-Power.

The figures published to-day regarding the Allies' captures from July 15 to September 30, will give some idea of the magnitude of the recent victories in France and Belgium. They have taken 5,518 officers, 248,494 men, 3,689 guns, over 23,000 machine guns and several hundred trench mortars. About half of the captures were made in September alone. What we cannot understand is where Germany's seemingly endless supply of men and guns comes from. As the struggle goes on this becomes one of the increasingly mysterious problems of the war. An American gentleman has suggested that Germany falsified her population statistics for twenty years preceding the war, but we suggest that the explanation is to be found in the Hindenburg "Meat Levy" law of November, 1916, which decrees:—"Every male German, from the completion of his 17th to the completion of his 60th year, is in so far as he has not been summoned to service with the armed forces liable to patriotic auxiliary service during the period of the war." Again, writing early in 1917, Mr. Gerard, the former American Ambassador to Germany estimated that Germany had 9,000,000 available fighting men. Allowing for "attrition" of 3,000,000 during the intervening period, we consider that 6,000,000 is probably the amount of Germans that we have still to beat.

### A Correct Attitude.

The unofficial members of the Legislative Council did the right thing on Thursday when they entered their protest against the vote of some \$150,000 odd incurred through Government intervention in the big opium case which recently engaged the attention of the Supreme Court for very many weeks. The action was first commenced by the Official Receiver with funds supplied by a shareholder in the Company concerned, but due to the protracted nature of the proceedings, these funds ran out and thus it was that the Government stepped in and assumed responsibility for the future costs. We fully realize that there were issues involved which made it desirable that the issue should be fought out, especially in view of the criminal side of the case, and we can quite believe that the Government never for a moment anticipated that it would be landed into such heavy costs. All the same, the step taken constituted a rather unfortunate precedent which we trust will not be followed in the future. But the main point is that this big financial obligation, involving such a large sum of public money, should have been incurred without the sanction of the Council. That was the reason why the Council refused to support the vote, and, in the circumstances, they undoubtedly took the correct course by registering their protest in this manner.

### The Police.

The extent to which the Police Force of the Colony has been reduced through the war may be gained from the observation made by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government at the Council meeting on Thursday of the fact that no fewer than sixty-nine members had joined His Majesty's forces, of whom nine had been killed. This is a serious blow to make on such a relatively small body as the European section of the Hongkong Police, and, despite rearrangements which have been made, it has meant throwing a deal more work on the members still in the Colony. That work, however, is willingly done and is done well, too. Of late, the Police have been engaged with fruitful results in routing out many bad characters among certain classes of Chinese, the results of their efforts being most gratifying. All too seldom do they get full credit for what they do in circumstances of difficulty and, oftentimes, danger. The occasion is opportune to give the Force a deserved pat on the back.

### DAY BY DAY.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO TAKE WHAT COME—GO AFTER SOMETHING.

**Monday's Anniversary.**  
Monday is the fourth anniversary of the evacuation of Antwerp.

**The Dollar.**  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 6.11/16d.

**Harbour Swim.**  
The annual Harbour Swim takes place on the 11th inst., entries closing on the 9th inst.

**The Colony's Health.**  
During yesterday there were notified one fatal case of enteric and one non-fatal case of diphtheria, both being Chinese.

**Recreation Ground Allotments.**  
The Gazette contains schedules of allotments for Wongneichong Recreation Ground, Queen's Recreation Ground and King's Park Recreation Ground.

**The Peak Church.**  
The Sunday evening services at the Peak Church are now discontinued. The Holy Communion Service at 8.15 a.m. on Sunday mornings is being continued for the present.

**Union Church.**  
The Rev. and Mrs. J.K. Macconachie are expected to return to the Colony to-day from Kaling. Mr. Macconachie will resume preaching at the Union Church on Sunday, conducting the morning and evening services, also a communion service at noon.

**Motor Boats and Launches.**  
An amendment of the regulations relating to motor boats and launches reads:—"No person shall gamble on any launch or motor boat used as a ferry. The master of any launch or motor boat used as a ferry shall not permit any gambling on such launch or motor boat."

**Food and Drugs.**  
The Government analyst made the following examinations of samples under the Food and Drugs Ordinance for the quarter ended September 30:—Milk, 32; ice, port wine, gin, sherry and whisky, two of each. Eleven of the milk samples and one of ice were found to be adulterated.

**Armed Robbery Case.**  
In the case in which three Chinese were charged yesterday afternoon with being concerned in an armed robbery at Wanohai, Mr. Wolfe discharged the first and third defendants and, considering the charges against the second defendant a "serious one, inflicted the maximum penalty of twelve months' hard labour."

**Acting Appointment.**  
His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. Thomas Luff Perkins to be a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. William Chatham, C.M.G., with effect from the 10th September, 1918.

**Stolen Clothing.**  
A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with stealing a basket containing several articles of clothing. Inspector Sim prosecuted and said that the complainant saw the defendant carrying the basket away. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

**A Pawned Raincoat.**  
A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with illegally pawning a raincoat. Inspector Brown prosecuted and said that the San Co. identified the raincoat as their property. This coat was stolen some time ago. Sergeant Ingham in the ordinary course of his duties went to the Kee Sing Pawnshop and found the raincoat. This was redeemed by the San Co. under the Hon. O. S. P.'s orders. The defendant said that his master told him to pawn the coat so he did. Inspector Brown said that the defendant's master, who was a tailor, said that the coat was given him by the chief Officer of the Harbour for alterations. Sergeant Ingham said that the owner was due on Tuesday, and asked His Worship to remand the case so that the chief Officer might appear to give evidence. His Worship remanded the case till Monday morning at 10 a.m.

### V. R. C. SPORTS.

#### The Second Day's Events.

The second day's events of the Victoria Recreation Club's annual aquatic sports which took place yesterday drew a larger crowd of spectators than on the first day, and among those present was H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.). The results were as follows:—

**Four Lengths Handicap.** First and second in each heat to swim in final.—First Heat.—1, J. Stewart; 2, B. Tatum. Time 1 min 9 2/5 secs. Second Heat.—1, A. V. Barros; 2, A. Marcal. Time 1 min 12 secs.

**The Lengths Handicap,** open to boys under 14 years of age.—1, F. Rossi-Pereira; 2, A. Castro. Time 31 secs.

**Long Plunge.**—1, M. A. R. Souza, 50 ft 3 in; 2, A. V. Barros, 49 ft.

**Two Lengths Handicap, Army and Navy.**—1, Sergt. White R.E.; 2, Sergt. Smith; 3, Sergt. Mody. Time 32 3/5 secs.

**Two Lengths Handicap, Ladies.**—1, Miss B. V. Jennings; 2, Miss L. Haynes; 3, Miss B. Bliss. Time 51 3/5 secs.

**Two Lengths Handicap.** (Final).—1, Ribeiro; 2, Medina. Time 33 2/5 secs.

**Two Lengths Team Race.**—1, J. Stewart, W. Hall, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. L. Silva, F. M. X. da Silva and P. A. Ivanovitch. Time—3 min 50 secs. Other competing teams were, A. Logan's team and B. Tatum's team.

### HONGKONG TRADE.

#### Chamber of Commerce Report.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

**Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.**—During the interval moderate sales have been effected from first hands at enhanced rates. Needless to say all these transactions were for spot cargo and the prices realised are very far below replacing cost. Woollens.—Bradford prices so much out of reach for this market, and so many qualities unobtainable that it is hardly worth while reporting on woollens under a separate heading. Stocks here are very small and practically no movement is reported.

**Cotton yarn.**—A trifling business was transacted at steady prices. Latterly values have firmed up owing to the decline in exchange. Clearances continue to be very slack. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$228/200. No. 12s at \$238/200. No. 16s at \$252/200. No. 20s at \$253/275. Arrivals nil. Sales 600 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold stock 6,500 bales. Bargains 9,000 bales. Raw Cotton.—Market remains practically unaltered on the lower level last reported. Chinese descriptions are fetching \$50/53 per picul. No business transpired in Indian grades.

**Canton Silk.**—Messrs. Herbert Dent and Co. report under date of September 7, as follows:—Stock:—2,500/3,000 bales. Market:—Silk.—Notwithstanding the firmness of the market here and higher prices demanded by the dealers there has been a fairly good business done for Lyons during the last fortnight and some settlements of short reels for America. Floods have subsided but not soon enough to avoid the damage done to the 5th crop which some reports confirm to be about what we reported in our last circular. News of the 6th crop is also not encouraging and it is reported that it will also be smaller. Exchange has further advanced and rates, as quoted by us below are formal. Waste is quiet but strong.

**Flour Market Report.**—Stock:—About 200,000 sacks. Quotations:—Shanghai Flour, 2nd, \$3 05 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3 60; Australian No. 2, \$3 60 per sack.

**Metals.**—Nothing doing. Sugar.—Market steady.

### 1893.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending October 12, 1893.)

#### The Dollar.

October 5.—The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2/6.

#### Too Much Veneer.

October 6.—It is reported in Java that a new process of lacquering has been invented in that country and that a Mr. Ginsburg has displayed great anxiety to secure the rights of the invention with a view to starting a factory in Hongkong. A lacquer factory in Hongkong! We have far too much veneer already.

#### The Servant Problem.

October 7.—The following is a reply to a correspondent advocating the registration of servants:—"We have granted 'A Sufferer' space to ventilate his alleged grievances although believing him to be 'barking up the wrong tree.' The 'Servants' Bureau' business has been tried here but proved a dismal failure owing, in part, perhaps, to the stupidity of those who ran it. We have lived in China a fair term but have never had any trouble with servants—they are invariably what their masters make them.—E. H. K. Telegraph."

#### Civil Service System Denounced.

October 10.—A leading article dealing with "Collapsed Commissions" says:—"Theoretically, of course, there may be no reason why the present Government, trained ostensibly to govern, should not be able to deal with a simple question—all Hongkong political questions are simple compared with what have to be considered at home. But as a matter of fact the present Government has never exhibited the faintest symptom of a tendency to tackle any problem on a practical basis. Not that the members of the Government are to blame; they are but men—young, perhaps, in some cases even little more than boys; but still, they are not to blame for that. Some of them are born fools, and they cannot help that either. The blame should fall on the system by which such incapable men are put into responsible positions; and the system should be so reformed as to give some guarantee of selection by merit. The present unsatisfactory plan is that when a man by any method manages to get through a set examination, he thereby enters the Civil Service, and has to be disposed of somewhere. Once on the list, he 'never will be missed'—for he will always be there, until he dies; and even then his name is on some widows' and orphans' fund or other. Competitive examination is a fraud long ago exposed; but Pseudoism cherishes it still. Thus any dunderheaded nincompoop is crammed through, and then wanders out here to cultivate the art of knowing nothing and for getting everything else. The procession of incompetents are but so many living monuments of the stupidity inherent in the system. 'Natural Selection' in the Colonial Office means the Selection of the round sort of wood for square holes; and instead of 'the survival of the fittest,' the Downing Street doctrine is 'the survival of the thickest,' at any rate in the matter of skulls."

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### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

It is understood that orders have been received by Colonel Wilder, commanding the 15th U.S.I., from Headquarters at Manila, to the effect that officers and men of this command will not be permitted to partake of alcoholic drinks of any kind. This order will go into force at once, and is based on the Act of Congress, passed in 1917.

According to the Swedish press, a Malmo dentist has invented a new local anesthetic, "Albromin," which, as is claimed, possesses all the advantages of "Novokain" without its defects. A number of Swedish dentists have used it and found it ideal for jaw operations. This preparation has also been used for surgical purposes and found satisfactory, and in the case of animals has proved more effective and much safer than cocaine.

"I don't want to do anything wrong," said an elderly Shropshire woman who called upon an official of the Ministry of Food, "but when I die I should like my funeral to be properly carried out. She then confided that she had, in stock, her coffin and shroud, two bottles of whisky and three tins of salmon. This cheerful soul was quite pleased when told that she was "on the right side," so long as she did not add to her stock.

While walking down Piccadilly a day or so ago curiosity prompted me (says a writer in *London Daily Express*) to count the number of men wearing top hats. Between Hyde Park Corner and Regent street I met only one. A fashion which was becoming moribund for some years has apparently been killed stone dead by the war. City men and stock-brokers had been discarding the "topper" for some time before the war, but at this time of the year it was still de regueur in the West End up to 1914.

The *Ori de Paris* says that in the Department Pas de Calais, where there is a large Chinese workers colony, a lady complained that she was robbed of 450 francs. Investigations cast suspicion on the Chinese quartered in the vicinity. It was, however, not possible to find the thief despite all efforts of the officer commanding the Chinese. In order that the reputation of the Chinese should not suffer the coolies voluntarily took up a collection among themselves which reached 505 francs and presented that sum to the lady.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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## TERRIFIC BATTLES IN FRANCE.

## Enemy Withdrawing on Wide Front.

London, Oct. 3. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: The enemy strongly attacked this morning north-eastward of St. Quentin with fresh troops, succeeding in pressing us back from Sequehart, where we stopped him. Local fighting northward of Crevecoeur and westward of Cambrai resulted in no material change in the situation. The Canadians, as the result of operations yesterday and at night-time in the neighbourhood of Cambrai, captured the suburb of Neuville. St. Bemy and the high ground westward of Ramillies. The enemy early this morning commenced to withdraw on a wide front southward and northward of La Bassée Canal. We are following up closely and have taken prisoners. The weather is fine and cloudy. On Oct. 1 our lowfliers were very active, machine-gunning trenches and parties of troops, bombing and stampeding a gun team. We took more than 1,700 photographs and dropped thirty tons of bombs in the day and sixteen tons at night. We heavily attacked rail junctions at Valenciennes, Aulnoye and Busigny and set two on fire. There was much air-fighting on the German side of the lines. We destroyed twenty-one aeroplanes and drove down eight uncontroled. Fifteen British are missing. Last Line of Hindenburg system broken.

London, Oct. 2. Reuter's correspondent learns that there has been the heaviest fighting to-day from St. Quentin to Flanders, with little to show except sanguinary enemy losses. As was expected the enemy reacted the heaviest north of St. Quentin, but here we have broken through the enemy's last line of the Hindenburg system. We gained a little ground at Gheluwe, in Flanders, and captured Fleurbaix. Southwards of Armentieres there are indications that the enemy is preparing shortly to retire between La Bassée and Lens. We gained ground north of Cambrai and extended the front of attack northwards. Here on a front of five miles the enemy has thrown in eleven divisions and is determined not to give ground unless compelled.

Northward of the chief tactical gain the battle swayed with incredible fury. We gained and maintained the high ground between Crevecoeur and Ramilly sending back batches of prisoners, which by nightfall totalled over 1,700. The Canadians fought against heavy numerical odds in the spirit of men who were not to be brooked. They inflicted the heaviest losses on the enemy. In Flanders the Belgians, pushing through mud often hip high, drew nearer Roulers, taking Hooglede and Mandazene. Our Second Army, equally handicapped by the condition of the ground, continued to open the great crab-claw towards Armentieres and took Le Bixet, north of that town.

## Americans' Capture of Material.

London, Oct. 3. An American communique says: A partial count of the captures of the past week totals 21 guns of all calibres, 750 trench-mortars, 300 machine-guns, 100 heavy Tank-guns, thousands of shells and hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition.

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## TO ENCOURAGE MARRIAGES.

## Taxing the German Bachelor.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is periodically urged to make the bachelor pay for his single blessedness, says the Daily News. Nobody in this country however, seems to have suggested that municipalities should raise part of the local rates at his expense. Yet this has been done successfully in the German town of Oshitz, where single women as well as single men who are in receipt of a certain income pay a tax on their celibacy without complaint.

The process is very simple. All single people of marrying age are taxed with the following exceptions:—

1. Those who have only small incomes, under £80 per annum (widowers, widows, and divorcees with under £15).
2. Those who have to provide for relatives (single persons who have less than £200 per annum, of which they pay 10 per cent. for supporting relatives; widowers, widows, and divorcees whose incomes are over £15, of which they pay 20 per cent. for the support of relatives); and lastly.
3. "Those who have borne the responsibilities of married life for a number of years," to quote the wording of the scheme, "and have become single through death or separation."

These few exceptions have proved to be quite sufficient, and, during the two years that the law has been in force, there has been no case in which a wealthy single person has left the town through having to pay this tax. The rate is worked out on the basis of a municipal income-tax equal to 5 per cent. of the State income-tax, so that, in addition to the ordinary rate, single persons with incomes of £100 pay 5 per cent. of the amount of the State tax to the municipality; single persons with £500, 10 per cent.; and single persons with £750, 25 per cent.

Naturally, the tax is popular with the married people of Oshitz, and the single ones do not seem to mind it either. The burden is not felt heavily by them, and it has helped very materially to ease the municipal

## GERMANY AND "YELLOW PERIL."

## Another Reminiscence of the Kaiser.

Sir Valentine Chirol, writing in the Times on Mr. Davis's reminiscences of the Kaiser, says:—

"At the time when the Kaiser was still trying to induce Great Britain to harness herself to the German chariot he himself suggested that she should seek an alliance with Japan. One of the peculiar features of the proposed arrangement was that whereas in all other parts of the world the British and German possessions were to be mutually guaranteed, Germany declined to extend the same guarantee to the continent of Asia."

"When I pointed out to the Chancellor the very obvious reasons for which an arrangement or treaty of the sort that excluded Asia from its purview would have very little value for us, he replied that Germany had too few interests—none of them vital—in Asia, and she could not therefore agree to be dragged into possible conflicts with Russia over ours, but he went on to suggest, in a most engaging tone, that Germany would have no objection to any arrangement that England might enter into with Japan for the defence of their common interests in Asia against Russia."

"In order to avoid committing myself to any definite expression of opinion on so surprising a suggestion, I merely remarked that we found it somewhat difficult to reconcile this with the hostile attitude which Germany had herself adopted towards Japan in 1895, and with his Majesty's well-known views as to the 'Yellow Peril.' The Chancellor smiled amiably, saying that his Majesty would be quite prepared to trust England in every way with the 'Yellow Peril' by keeping Japan in order as her ally."

Finance. Considerable interest has been aroused in Germany by the experiment, and the papers show that in many districts people are now thinking seriously of introducing the tax into their localities.

## MONDAY'S TRIBUNAL.

## Six Cases to be Considered.

The Tribunal again meets on Monday for consideration of temporary exemptions granted to the following:—

Mr. N. I. Brewer.—Messrs. Brewer & Co.;  
Mr. B. Kennedy.—Mercantile Bank of India.  
Mr. F. Syme Thomson.—Messrs. D. & Co.

## Other Cases.

Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.—J. Crookdake, Medically fit. (The remaining men of military age in this Company came before the Tribunal on the 22nd July, 1918).

Consideration of temporary exemption granted to Mr. W. F. Gibbins of Messrs. Wilkinsons, Heywood and Clarke.

Messrs. Reiss and Co.—A. K. Mackenzie, Medically fit. (The remaining men of military age in this firm came before the Tribunal on the 8th July, 1918).

## PORTUGUESE RED CROSS.

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The Hon. Secretary, Club de Boreio, Kowloon, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Portuguese Red Cross Fund:—  
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Wednesday, October 9th.—7 p.m. First Aid Lecture.

Thursday, October 10th.—6 p.m. Band Practice.

Friday, October 10th.—7 p.m. First Aid Lecture.

Saturday, October 12th.—5 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

No. 4 V.A.D.

Monday, October 7th.—4.20 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, October 10th.—4.20 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

No. 5 V.A.D.

Friday, October 11th.—5.15 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

Friday, October 11th.—3.30 p.m. Nursing Practice.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

Entries close for the HARBOUR RACE on the 9th October; to the Hon. Secretary. The Race takes place on the 11th October, at 5 P.M. Hongkong, 5th October, 1918.

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## NOTICE.

THE Offices and Stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on THURSDAY, the 11th October, being the date of the National Festival of the Republic of China.

T. D. MOORHEAD, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE 31st ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club, will be held in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. (top floor) by kind permission, on TUESDAY 8th October, 1918, at 5.30 P.M.

W. J. MORRISON, Hon. Secretary

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, on MONDAY, 7th October, at 3.30 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the telegraphic reply of the Rice Association of San Francisco regarding the quality, survey and storage of Rice shipments to U.S.A.

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By Order, A. R. LOWE, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 5th October, 1918.

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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## American Shipping Programme.

The U.S. Shipping Board states that with the Allied and American shipbuilding construction working at full headway, the total losses through the submarine war will soon be overcome. Submarines have sunk or destroyed up to the present 7,157,000 dead-weight tons over construction but 375,000 tons of enemy shipping have been seized. The United States has working 201 shipyards comprising 1,020 slipways and the American programme of construction includes 2,803 ships totalling 1,637,000 tons.

## Air Mails in the Future.

Sir Thomas Sutherland, the veteran ex-chairman of the P. & O. Company, addressing the cadets of the Conway, said that the Merchant Marine as a profession was rising in the public opinion, and the prospects of the young men and officers in that service were great and distinctly more favourable than ever before. It did not require any strong effort of the imagination in days like these to believe that some of the cadets, when they came to the period when they were able to command a ship, might command airships carrying his Majesty's mails from one part of the world to another.

## Shipbuilding in Japan.

About thirteen steamers from 1,800 tons up to 12,600 tons are being built in the Asano Dockyard with the iron being brought from America and that of home products, and keels of four ships are now laid. Two ships which are to be placed at the disposal of America, the ss. Beikoku Maru and Soshu Maru, arrived in Yokohama for their trials. Another liner, 1,800 tons, sister-ships of the latter, was launched on September 17 and will also be sent to America in exchange for iron. It is generally expected that shipbuilding yards in Japan, which were stated to have been in fear of shortage of steel, will again become active with the arrivals of iron from America.

## More Concrete Ships.

The United States Government has decided to spend more than £10,000,000 on building fifty-eight concrete ships of 7,500 tons capacity. The performances of the Zaith, a 5,000-ton reinforced concrete steamship, launched a few months ago, have surpassed expectations. On her trials over a 40-mile course, in spite of new engines and machinery, unfitted by previous running, she made over ten knots an hour, though only nine had been expected. Vibration under full speed was remarkably small, confirming the predictions of engineers familiar with the practical absence of vibration in railway bridges and other buildings of ferro-concrete. The vessel was easily manoeuvred, her voyages in actual service have been even more satisfactory.

## Electric Welding.

A special meeting of the Technical Committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping was held on July 25 to consider the subject of the application of electric welding to shipbuilding to the extent of eliminating by this method the use of rivets for important structural connections. Electric welding has, of course, been employed for many years for ship-repair work, but its use has been practically confined to parts of the structure not likely to be exposed to important stresses. It is, in fact, only since the early days of the war that such appreciable developments have been made as to appear to afford justification for the great extension now contemplated. In view of the importance of the subject to the shipbuilding industry of the world, the Committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping have recently carried out a series of carefully devised experiments to determine, as far as can be done by means of tests and analysis, the general trustworthiness of structural connections effected by electric welding, and their capacity to stand the strains to which they would be subjected in practice. The Technical Committee had before them a report from the Society's Chief Ship Surveyor, setting forth in detail the results of these experiments, and dealing very fully with the whole subject.

## Carrying on for a German.

An internet German hair-dresser has a 21 years lease of a shop in Wardour Street belonging to Westminster City Council, and it is being carried on by the tenant of the adjoining shop. The business, it is believed, being kept alive for the German, when he is released, and has been divided to the benefit of the British.

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Christie, Wingsang, from Shanghai.

T. KRING, Act. Superintendent, Hongkong, October 4, 1918.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's "YERKES" (4,700 tons) left for Hongkong on Wednesday October 3rd, and is expected to arrive here on Saturday the 5th inst.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## TERRIFIC BATTLES IN FRANCE.

(Continued from Page 5.)

## French Aviation.

London, Oct. 3. A French communique says: During Oct. 1 we brought down 14 enemy aeroplanes and two balloons. Our bombers dropped 27 tons of projectiles and fired thousands of rounds into enemy concentrations and convoys. During the night of Sept. 30 they dropped eight tons of bombs and during the night of Oct. 1 over 27 tons were dropped on big stations at Honguon, Confians, Dommary, Barcourt, Maison Bleue, Le Chatelet and Mont Carmet and Leon.

## Anglo-Belgian Advance.

London, Oct. 3. A Belgian communique states: Notwithstanding the enemy's stiff resistance the Belgian army improved its positions by local thrusts at different points. General Plumer's army after severe fighting made an important advance in the direction of Menin by capturing Gheluwe. North and close to Amentieres General Plumer captured Bist and Hencoue Farm north of Soupline. British aviators destroyed nine aeroplanes and two balloons.

## Lens and Lille Involved.

London, Oct. 3. The enemy's withdrawal yesterday in the vicinity of La Bassée involves Lens and Lille, the latter of which is also threatened by General Plumer's advance on Menin. The violence of the enemy's reaction yesterday shows how desperate his position is and is regarded rather as an effort to gain time, while the present line is being evacuated than an indicating a determination to cling to the line. Marshal Haig's stroke, indeed, in reaching the rearmost positions of the Hindenburg Line between Cambrai and St. Quentin, seems to render a retreat from that line inevitable. It is described by experts as one of the greatest feats of the war. Praise is lavished on Sir Douglas Haig's achievements during the past two months, not merely in capturing a colossal total of prisoners, but in triumphing over a series of the strongest defences. His contribution is the largest of any Allied army to the success of Marshal Foch's strategy. Correspondents describe the fighting, especially in the Cambrai sector, as the severest and most critical of the whole war. Our victory is undoubted, but was gained at great sacrifices. The Germans yesterday flung in nine divisions between Cambrai and Seneffe River, in addition to special marksmen detachments and machine-guns every ten yards. Every attack was met by a German counter-attack, the latter conducted on the old style mass formation, which advanced steadily into annihilating artillery fire until it melted away, only to be followed by fresh victims to the guns. Hence it is not surprising that the sheer weight of numbers checked the advance at some points, but the obstinate courage of the Germans was matched by the heroic determination of the British. The armies of Generals Horne, Byng and Rawlinson, together with those of Generals Debeney, Mangin and Berthelot are breaching the walls of the fortress protecting the richest network of communications in the theatre of war, whereof Cambrai is the apex and the Rhine, between Cologne and Strassburg, is the base. Simultaneously an attack by the Anglo-Belgians in the north takes these main German communications in the flank, while the armies of Generals Gouraud and Pershing in the east threaten the Rhine and Moselle Railways. The "Berliner Tagblatt" expert, General Ardennes, admits the seriousness of the situation. He describes Marshal Foch's strategy as demoralising, aiming not merely to encircle the German armies on all sectors, but to break through every one. He says the most dangerous point is between the Scarpe and St. Quentin. Even here the situation might have been satisfactory, but for the sudden Anglo-Belgian attack on the coastal front. He concludes by comparing Marshal Foch's present operations to boring holes at five points preparatory to blasting with dynamite.

## The Enemy Retirement.

London, Oct. 3. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: The progress of the Allied offensives in Flanders and before Cambrai and St. Quentin, combined with the enemy's heavy losses in endeavouring to resist the Allies' successful attacks, has compelled the enemy to undertake an extensive withdrawal of his line. From Lens to Armentieres the enemy is evacuated in the highly organised positions he has held since the commencement of trench warfare and which he has hitherto defended with the utmost resolution. This movement, which was expected, is being closely followed up by our troops, who are maintaining touch with the German rearguards, inflicting many casualties and taking prisoners.

On the front of retirement we have already reached the general line Cite-St. Auguste, Douvrin, east of La Bassée, east of Anders and west of Boisgrenier and our advance continues. Last night we repulsed an attack northward of Cambrai, taking prisoners. We renewed our attacks northward of St. Quentin this morning.

## The Allies' Haul.

London, Oct. 3. A French communique states: During September the Allies in France and Belgium have taken 2,844 officers and 120,192 men, 1,600 guns and over 10,000 machine-guns. The Allies from July 15 to Sept. 30 have taken 5,518 officers, 248,494 men, 2,608 guns, over 20,000 machine-guns and several hundred mine-throwners.

## The French Progress.

London, Oct. 3. A French communique states: We have captured Chalerange.

A French communique says: The enemy has been completely ejected from St. Quentin the whole of which we occupy, also the suburb of Isle. Southwards we advanced towards Hancock and carried May despite the tenacious resistance of the enemy. North of the Vesle the advance continues. Boucy, Gujencourt, Bouffignieux, Stillers-franques and Cusmy have been captured. Our lines have reached the southern outskirts of Cornicy and Louve. Further south we skirt the western bank as far as Laneuville and have captured Courcy. We have improved our position in Champagne south-west of Orfèuil and gained a footing on the heights south of Monthois.

A French communique says: North of the Vesle we continue our advance, have captured Louve. In the region of Neuville a violent German counter-attack was repulsed. In Champagne the fight began yesterday afternoon continued. Last night we captured Chasseville Range. The Germans made powerful efforts to throw us out of the woods south-east of Orfèuil where we penetrated. Three times their assaults were shattered against our lines. We maintained all our gains and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The number we have prisoners has been still further increased during these fights. The attack was resumed at daybreak this morning.

## AERIAL RAIDS.

London, Oct. 2. The Press Bureau states that the Independent Air Force bombed the railway at Troves on Oct. 1, but observation was impossible owing to clouds. All the machines returned. A machine reported missing on the night of Sept. 30 has now been located. This machine bombed the rail station at Metz.

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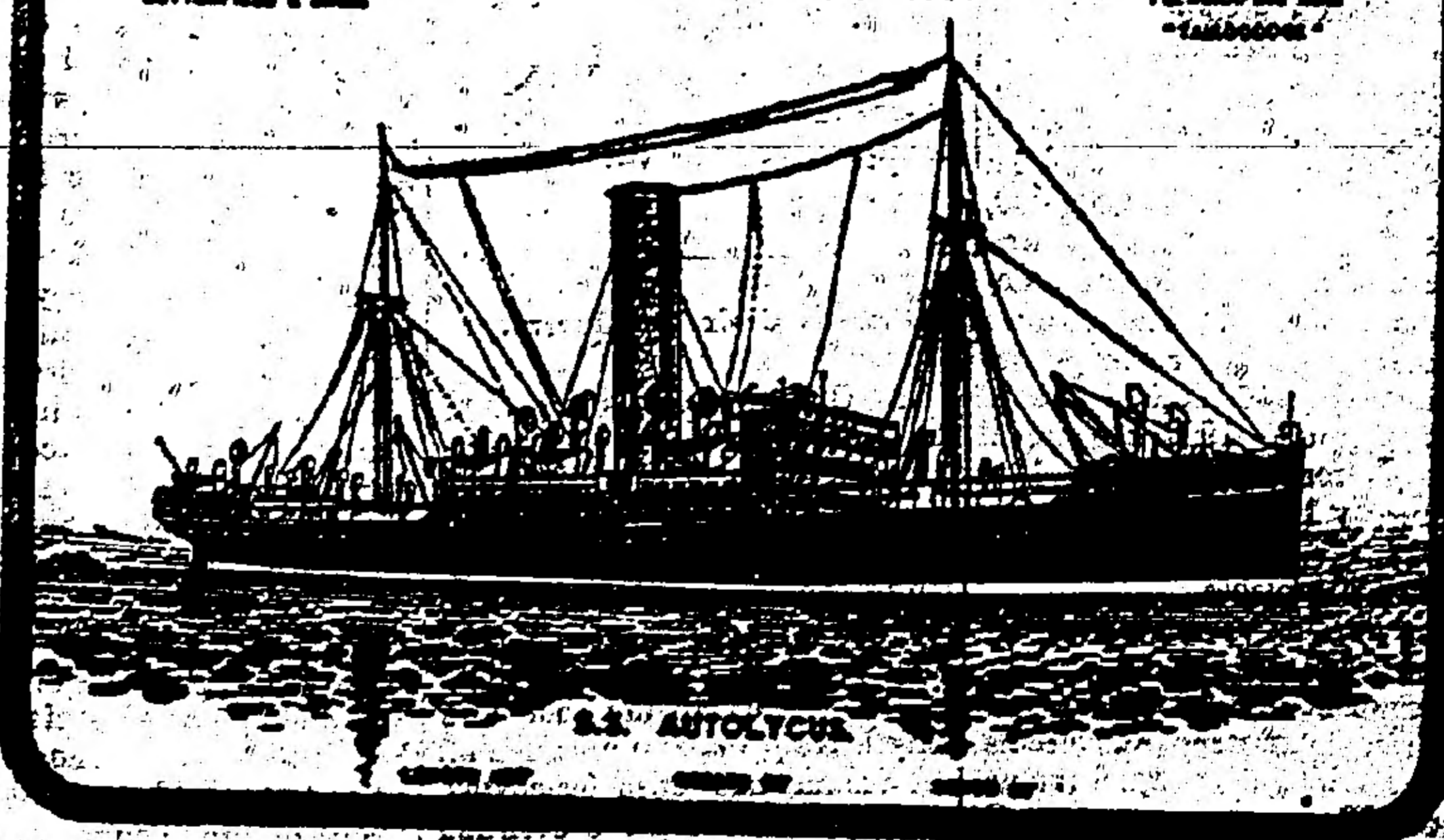
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## STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

## THE BATTLES IN FRANCE.

## British Capture Three Thousand Prisoners.

London, October 3. Reuter's correspondent at a British Headquarters writing this evening, says:—Satisfactory progress has been achieved on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front to-day, despite our having to fight every yard of the ground, while in Flanders we are speeding the enemy withdrawal.

We are fighting at Mont Brehan, north-east of Sieghart. Patrols have reached Beauvoir, hence the troops have apparently created a gap and are now striving to widen it. The success here should be followed by most interesting developments. By mid-day over 3,000 were taken prisoner. The defensive strength of these positions, which have been stormed, are extraordinary, and the Germans must be most apprehensive, for it is unable to hold the British under enormously favourable conditions, how can they hope to stay the khaki flood when it overflows into the open?

## Constant Pressure on the Enemy.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig (in concluding a message, the first part of which is not to hand) says:—The enemy counter-attacked strongly in this locality in the afternoon. Heavy fighting continued. We took a large number of prisoners in these successful operations.

On the remainder of the St. Quentin and Cambrai battle-front there were only patrol encounters, in which we secured prisoners. In this area there is an enemy withdrawal north of the Scarpe. We progressed steadily all day long, maintaining constant pressure on the German rear-guard. Lens has been cleared of the enemy.

Our advanced detachments reached the general line of Avion, Vindin-le-Vieil, Hantay, Wicres and Herlies and are eastwards of Bois Grenier. We occupied Armentieres.

## PRISONERS OF WAR COMMITTEE.

London, October 3. The Press Bureau announces that the War Cabinet has appointed Sir George Cave Chairman of the Inter-departmental Prisoners of War Committee which will be responsible for all questions affecting prisoners of war in enemy countries.

## THE ALBANIAN ATTACK.

## Energetic Italian Advance.

A wireless Italian official message says:—In Albania we began on the 1st inst. an energetic advance between the sea and Osm. We occupied the Fieri line of the Semeti from Sierbani to Metali Bridge; also the heights between Janica, Bavalica and Zitoni. On the left of Osm we are approaching Berat. The retreating enemy is firing depots. We have captured prisoners and much material.

## Effect of Bulgaria's Surrender.

A wireless Austrian official message states:—We have withdrawn divisions from Albania owing to events on the Bulgarian front. Thus Berat fell into the enemy's hands, not being contested.

## 450 MILLION CENTS.

## New U. S. Record.

The announcement from Washington that 450,000,000 one-cent pieces were coined by the Government in the fiscal year 1918 lends interest to a compilation by the National City Bank of New York regarding the country's growing demand for these little coins, of which the 1918 output was the largest on record.

The bank's statement on this subject shows that the number of one-cent coins manufactured by the Mints of the United States from 1793 to the end of the fiscal year 1918 was 3,463,000,000, while the number issued in the last six years is, in round numbers, one billion. The number of one-cent pieces coined never touched the 100,000,000 line in any year prior to 1917; the annual average from that time to 1918 was nearly 100,000,000 per year; in 1917, 213,500,000, and in 1918, 445,228,201 pieces.

The number of one-cent pieces coined from the beginning of the Government to date would, even if all were in existence and circulation, allow for each individual about 33 one-cent pieces. Of course, the number actually available is far less than this, for it is probable that, out of the 3,463,000,000 one-cent pieces coined by the Government no more than about 2,400,000,000 are now in existence, or at least in circulation, making the present average per capita for all the people of the United States of about 23 one-cent pieces.

Coinage of one-cent pieces began with the first operation of the Mints, the total number coined in the first period for which details are available (1793-5) having been 1,038,033, and in that same period there were coined 143,624 half-cent pieces. The half-cent piece seemed to gain in popularity in the immediately subsequent period, for the number coined in the period 1804-10 was about as great as the number of one-cent pieces coined. From that time on, however, the half-cent piece apparently lost popu-

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. J. W. Frank, A.S.P., (R.), state:—

Parades, Central 5.30 p.m., Monday, October 7th.—No. 2 Company under Company Commander.

Tuesday, October 8th.—No. 1 Company under O. L. Lammer. Wednesday, October 9th.—No. 3 Company under Company Commander.

## Band.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Band will not play at Headquarters on Tuesday, the 8th instant.

## Priest's Croix De Guerre.

M. Olemenceau has awarded the Croix de Guerre, with mention in Army Orders, to Abbe Guthrie, vicar of the church which was bombed by long-range cannon on Good Friday, for "remarkable courage and self-sacrifice in organising help under the collapsing roof and only leaving the church when all the victims had been evacuated, thus by his example preventing a panic."

arity, for the Mints soon suspended their manufacture, and in 1890 their coinage terminated.

The number of one-cent pieces coined averaged less than 10 millions per annum down to about 1855, when there came a rapid increase, the number coined in 1857 being about 18 millions, in 1860 over 20 millions, in 1864 53 millions. Following the close of the Civil War the number again greatly declined being in 1870 less than 6 millions, in 1880 39 millions, in 1890 47 millions, in 1900 67 millions, in 1906 96 millions, crossing the 100 million line in 1907, and making the highest record in 1910—152,846,218—while the total for the fiscal year 1918 was 445,228,201, and in 1918, 445,228,201.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co.

The twenty-second annual ordinary meeting of shareholders of the above Company was held to-day at the offices of the Company. Mr. W. S. Brown presided, and there were also present Rev. Father Robert and Mr. L. N. Leafe, (Directors), Mr. J. Walker (Manager), Mr. M. Manuk (Secretary), Messrs. Chan Tong, A. Stevenson, T. Oliphant, B. W. Bradbury, C. Makham, H. W. Page, H. Percy Smith and Capt. C. E. Ricou.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The reports and accounts having been in your hands for some days, with your permission, I will follow the usual course and take them as read. Your Directors are pleased to be able to place before you once more a statement of accounts which may be regarded as satisfactory in view of the abnormal conditions under which we are at present working. Our sales for the year, I am glad to say, show a substantial increase over that of last year, creating a new record for the Company. It is due to this increasing turnover that we are able to present such satisfactory accounts to you and to maintain the same dividend as the last two years. Your Directors have been pleased to vote to the staff a 10 per cent. bonus on their salaries, which will doubtless meet with your approval as also the donation of the sum of \$2,500.00 to the local War Charities.

Prices of commodities, owing to the war, have advanced considerably, thus reducing the margin of profits, whilst our retail prices have been maintained at a reasonable level so as not to impose any undue hardship on the consumer. The high rate of exchange has gone a long way to counteract the increased freights and first costs of foodstuffs imported from gold currency countries, but a considerable part of our purchases, such as cattle food etc. and other expenses, are in local currency, which are not directly affected by exchange. As a matter of fact, the costs of all foodstuffs for the maintenance of our herd have advanced, thus increasing the cost of production of our fresh milk and other dairy produce, but, in spite of this, the price of milk has not been increased. In connection with the supply of milk mentioning that after years of persistent endeavour, followed by many disappointments, we have at last been able to fill the gap, caused by death etc. in our dairy herd, with young stock bred on the farms, and this is the only year in the history of the Company when we have not found it necessary to spend large sums of money on the importation of new cattle. This is most fortunate under present circumstances, as, owing to the scarcity of freight space and the enhanced value of live stock, the cost of importation has become prohibitive. The Company's dairy herd to-day is, in the opinion of the Manager, second to none east of Suez. The purchase of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., is now completed, and the cold stores and other facilities are bound to have a beneficial effect on the expansion of the various branches of our business. The advisability of our having our own cold storage accommodation was considered by your Directors, but the idea of erecting such stores was abandoned when the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., which now offers almost all the facilities we require, was acquired. Our ham and bacon curing and meat canning can also be handled more economically and expeditiously. With regard to the meat canning scheme, you will perhaps remember that a few months ago a report by the American Consul-General appeared in the local papers, copied from one of the American papers; this business, however, I am sorry to say, has not yet made much headway owing to the difficulty of obtaining the necessary machinery, but we hope to be able to begin on a small scale in the

near future with the machinery we have on hand. Other and more up-to-date machinery will be imported in due course and we hope to be able to create a demand for our product in this line. You will observe from the account that the sum of \$22,584.66 has been spent during the year on repairs and improvements of the Company's machinery and property, and that the sum of about \$30,000 has been expended on new and additional buildings to meet the requirements of our business. Following our usual custom, we have written off for depreciation, bad and doubtful debts, the sum of \$29,384.24, thus leaving a net balance of \$158,431.59 for appropriation, which your Directors propose to deal with as follows:—Pay a dividend of \$2 per share on the Company's 60,000 old shares, absorbing \$120,000, to place to cattle reserve \$20,000, and to add \$100,000 to Fire and Typhoon Insurance Fund, thus raising these reserves to \$100,000 and \$80,000 respectively, and to carry forward to next year's account the balance viz. \$8,431.59. The stocks and cattle have been valued by your manager and Secretary, and are well under their market value. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. Mr. Stevenson seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Percy Smith proposed, Mr. Chan Tong seconded, and it was unanimously decided, that the retiring directors, Messrs. W. S. Brown and J. Scott Harston, be re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. Bradbury, seconded by Mr. Oliphant, Mr. H. Percy Smith was unanimously re-elected auditor at an annual remuneration of \$600.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts for the Ice and Cold Storage Department have been in your hands for some days and I will, with your permission, take them as read. In accordance with the agreement made between Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., General Managers for the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., and this Company dated 26th March, 1918, we have had to keep the accounts of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., quite apart and distinct in order to declare an interim dividend of \$2 per share to the original shareholders of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., provided the profits made by the Ice and Cold Storage Department warrant the declaration of such a dividend. Your Directors are pleased to state that the profits made between the 9th May, the date when the Ice Company was actually taken over, and the 31st July, have made it possible to declare the \$2 dividend agreed upon. The actual net profit made after writing off the sum of \$22,479.70 for depreciation, amounts to \$19,080.69, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—Pay a dividend of \$2 per share on the Ice Company's shares, absorbing \$13,600, and to carry forward to next year's account \$5,080.69. The accounts of the Companies have been amalgamated as from 1st August last and next year only one report and balance sheet will be issued in respect of the whole Company. Your Directors hope that the new Company, with its greater facilities, will be able to take advantage of any opportunity offering in the expansion of its business. We have sold the property at Ice House Street acquired with the Ice Company's assets as the property was not necessary to the Company and the price received was considered good. The sale was concluded this month and it will therefore appear in our current year's accounts. I will now propose the adoption of the report and accounts of the Ice and Cold Storage Department as rendered.

Mr. Makham seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were now ready.

Mr. H. Percy Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors and the staff. He said he thought no Company could have better Directors or a better staff than this one. They had an excellent Board of Directors and a most excellent management. A man said to him

## "OUR DAY."

## Provisional Programmes for Gymkhana.

The provisional programmes for the Gymkhana in connection with "Our Day" are as follows:—

- Thursday October 24.
- (1) Five Furlongs Handicap for ponies that have run and not won at Gymkhana this year.
  - (2) "Our Day Derby." Half mile for Sabs. weight for inches. Jockeys to be drawn for.
  - (3) Gymkhana Stakes. One mile.
  - (4) Judgement of Pace Competition.
  - (5) B Class Handicap. All ponies. 3/4 mile.
  - (6) "Our Day Legger" 3/4 mile for Sabs. weight for inches. Jockeys to be drawn for.
  - (7) A Class Handicap. All ponies. 3/4 mile.

- Saturday Oct. 26.
- (1) "Our Day Cambridge" Five Furlongs Handicap for Sabs. Jockeys are not drawn for in this race.
  - (2) A Class Handicap. All ponies. Once round.
  - (3) B Class Handicap. All ponies. Once round.
  - (4) Wrestling on Mules.
  - (5) Distance Handicap. Half mile.
  - (6) Half mile Race for Sabs. To be ridden by Mafoos who are to be drawn for. No whips or spurs allowed.
  - (7) 1 1/2 mile Handicap. All ponies.

## CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of October 4, as follows:—The Military Government in a circular telegram says the Administrative Council has decided to appoint Chen King-ming as Pacific Commissioner to Fokien, and also Commander-in-Chief of the Canton troops for reinforcing Fokien.

A telegram has been received from Chan Ping Kuan, Acting Governor of Kwongai, to the effect that he is favouring the peace proposal advocated by the Northern and Southern Commanders on the Hanan front.

Members of Parliament at Canton held a meeting on the 4th inst., to discuss the question of the Presidential Election. Over 300 members were present. After a lengthy discussion the final resolution was that as the meeting for this Presidential Election cannot be formed before the expiration of the present term of the President, the Military Government shall exercise the rights of the President and the Cabinet Ministers, until the next President is elected.

Han Him, the newly appointed Minister of Justice of the Military Government, and representative for Dr. Sun Yat-sen, has notified the public that he assumes duties on the 26th ult.

## Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 10.45 a.m. to-day:—Typhoon in about 123 degrees Long. E. and 26 degrees Lat. N., moving N.

Appeal Tribunal Appointment. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed the Honourable Mr. Percy Hobson Holyoak to act as Assessor upon appeals to the Governor in Council under the provisions of the General Military Service Ordinance, 1918; during the absence from the Colony of the Honourable Mr. Henry Edward Pollock, K. O.

the other day that if any man should have a statue erected in Hongkong, that man was the one who made the Dairy Farm Company a success. The general staff was a most excellent one. They had an auditor of great experience and technical knowledge. (Laughter)—a splendid Board of Directors, manager and staff. Capt. Ricou seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman, in a brief reply on behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff, said they greatly appreciated the remarks which had been made by Mr. Smith.

## OBITUARY.

## Death of Professor Dyer.

We regret to state that a cable was received in Hongkong yesterday announcing the death of Professor Henry Dyer, father of Mr. R. M. Dyer, chief manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., which has just occurred in Glasgow.

The late Professor Dyer, O.R.E., M.A., D.Sc., Hon. LL.D. Glasgow, was formerly Emeritus Professor at the University of Tokyo. He was a J. P. of the County and City of Glasgow. He was born in 1848 and served his apprenticeship as engineer under Alex. C. Kirk, LL.D. He was Whitworth Scholar in 1870, attended Glasgow University for five years. In 1873 he was appointed first Principal of the Imperial College of Engineering, Tokyo, Japan, and Professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, and, in addition, became director of large engineering works. He remained in Japan for ten years, and was appointed Hon. Principal of College on his retirement, and Hon. Member of the Institutions of Civil Engineers, Mechanical Engineers and Naval Architects, Japan. After his return to Britain, he took an active part in engineering, educational and social work. He was a Life Governor of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College, a Governor of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, of the West of Scotland College for Domestic Science, and of the Glasgow School of Art; Chairman School Board of Glasgow, and Convener of the Continuation Classes Committee; Vice-President of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration of the Manufactured Steel Trade of the West of Scotland, etc. He was quite a prolific writer, his publications, including Dai Nippon; The Britain of the East; Japan in World Politics; The Evolution of Industry; Science Teaching in Schools; Education and National Life; Education and Industrial Training; Education and Citizenship; numerous papers and articles on engineering, educational, literary, and social subjects.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—19th Sunday after Trinity, 6th October, 1918. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Mattins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial, Venite, Alcock. Psalms: Psalm 133, Deum: Oakley in F. Jubilate: Baskinbill, Hymns: 5 (2), 207. God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 30, verses 1, 4, 8, 11, & G.P. in union. Hymn 6, verse 1 & 5 in union. Holy Communion (12 noon) Responses: Ferial, Psalms: Tullis, Tallis and Baskinbill Magnificat: Tullis (12th evening) Nunc Dimittis: G.P. (10th evening) Hymns: 303, 164, 17, N.B.—Psalm 33, verses 1, 5, 8 and 12, in union. Psalm 33, verses 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 13 & 20, in union. Psalm 34, verses 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 15, 17 & 23 in union. Hymn 266, verse 1 in union. Hymn 164, verses 1 and 3 in union. Hymn 17, verses 3 and 7 in union.

## DEPORTED FROM TIBET.

## Chinese Arrive in Rangoon.

The second batch of Chinese deportees from Tibet, who are being repatriated by the British Government, says the Rangoon Times, have arrived in Rangoon and left for up country the same day by special train. The party comprises 654 men, 33 women and 17 children. There were nine officers, but one died on board from dysentery. The men are more destitute even than those of the first batch, but seem to be in a better condition. The women are Tibetan women who have left their country to follow their husbands. Some of them had quite good features, and if they were not so dirty and unkempt would probably be quite attractive. There was one Mahomedan among them. On arrival at Sole Pagoda Wharf, they were met by Mr. E. C. S. Shuttleworth, Commissioner of Police; Mr. L. Ah Yain, Mr. Young, Chinese Vice-Consul, and a large number of the Chinese community. They were marched into No. 4 shed where they were most hospitably entertained, each given breakfast, biscuits, cigarettes, a loaf of bread, a bottle of Chinese balm, a new suit of clothes and R. 1 in cash. The officers were entertained at a special table. The work of entertaining the party was carried out by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the members of which subscribed liberally. The party was brought across from Calcutta by Serjt. Herbert and a force of twelve armed Calcutta police. A Chinese interpreter and twelve Chinese cooks accompanied the party as far as Rangoon. The members of the batch, both men and women, seemed very pleased at the treatment accorded them, and their faces especially those of the children, were wreathed in smiles.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

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St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.—19th Sunday after Trinity, 6th October, 1918. Holy Communion after Morning Service. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Responses: Ferial, Venite, Alcock. Psalms: 30, Hayes, as set. Psalms: 31, Chant, 135 and 136. W. A. Te Deum: St. Jude. Jubilate: Hayes. Kyrie: Mendelssohn. Hymns: 566, 49 (First 2 and last 2 verses), 339, 54. God Save the King. Evening Prayer 6 p.m. Responses: Ferial, Psalm: 33 Elvey, Psalm: 33 Tallis. Magnificat: Smart. 21st Morning. Nunc Dimittis: Tallis, 22nd Morning. Hymns: 27, 552, 197, 139. God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday 6th October, 1918. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Hymns: 6, 236, 543, 245, and 512. Communion service at noon. Hymn: 171. Evening service at 6 o'clock. Hymns: 352, 366, 50, 134, 371. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Peak Church.—Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.

The Gospel Hall.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedder Street). Weekly Services.—Sunday, Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture, 8 p.m. Thursday, Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday, Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchoi.—Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Arsenal Street.—Sunday Evening, Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glen-ealy.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ Scientist.—MacDonnell Road, Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.

German Ships in Chilean Waters.

A Valparaiso dispatch says the engine rooms of all the German vessels interned in Chilean ports have been completely destroyed. In reply to a demand by the Chilean Government for an explanation, the German Minister said that the sinking of the vessels had never been aimed at by the Germans. The offenders have been surrendered to the Chilean authorities.

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## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

### American Restriction on Lead.

The other day Japanese merchants received information that it had become practically impossible to import lead from the United States, and asked the Foreign Office to ascertain if it was true. The Japanese Ambassador at Washington now reports to the Foreign Office:—"The American authorities have decided not to permit the export of large quantities of lead except for war purposes, in view of the fact that stocks are scarce. Even though not for the purpose of war, export to Japan is permitted if the quantity is not large. Lead is not at present on the list of goods for conservation, but will shortly be added thereto. As a matter of fact, lead is now handled practically as if it were on the list."

### Formosan Opium.

Of Government industrial monopolies in Formosa, the greater portion of the output of opium is directly disposed of the Monopoly Bureau, the remainder being under control of Messrs. Suzuki and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, while a Formosa has the sole agency for sale and the Hosi Medical Company that for opium. It is now reported that a number of business-men, most of them armed with letters of introduction from Baron Goto, the Foreign Minister, who was Chief of Civil Administration in Formosa a decade ago, are trying to secure the right of obtaining supplies of opium directly from the Monopoly Bureau. It is understood that the authorities are following the policy of gradually prohibiting the sale of opium, and these applications are accordingly rejected. It is believed, however, that the applicants will redouble their efforts to carry their point, says the Japan Chronicle.

### Cheap Supplies from Siberia.

According to the Mainichi, Captain McCullagh, attached to the Staff of the British Expeditionary Forces to Vladivostok when passing through Japan, reported that he had ordered from the Mainichi of Tokyo, a considerable quantity of foreign liquor and foodstuffs, and Mr. Matsumoto, manager of the Otsuka branch of the Tokyo firm, left for Vladivostok on the

12th instant, having completed the necessary arrangements in Japan for the execution of the order. It is understood that the various commodities bought include a large proportion of Russian goods imported into this country from Vladivostok not long ago. Between April and August last no less than 500 representatives, including the Meidiya, proceeded to Vladivostok in order to lay in stocks of Russian goods. This may seem strange in view of the previous persistent reports that since the Revolution stocks of merchandise in Vladivostok had been very scarce, but information that there were abundant stocks concealed at certain spots in the Russian port had meanwhile got abroad. At the end of last year the president of a certain Russo-German bank is said to have visited a jeweller in Osaka and bought some valuable necklaces and jewels when he unwittingly let out the information that there was "a mountain of merchandise" at a certain place in Vladivostok. Subsequently the Meidiya received a request from an unknown Japanese in Vladivostok to sell for him in Japan about 200 cases of foreign liquor, including vodka. At the same time chemicals and medicines manufactured by a certain German company, and optical lens of German manufacture, both of which had disappeared from the Japanese market since the outbreak of the war, began to reappear on the market. This bore out the information unconsciously dropped by the Russian banker, and Osaka merchants promptly went to Vladivostok to buy goods at extravagantly cheap prices, availing themselves of the turbulent situation caused by the military situation. The Mainichi proceeds:—"Some merchants, it is said are landing in Japan barrels of foreign liquors with changed labels, cases of chemicals and medicines the marks of which are painted out, and bringing other goods from Vladivostok to Tsuruga, and Otsu, and Matsuyama by a certain dangerous method. Japanese are showing remarkable activity in the Russian port, where stocks of merchandise are rapidly decreasing. Even the easy-going Russian merchants have now awakened to this phase of the commercial situation, and are trying to take the job into their own hands." It is reported that a Russian now staying in Osaka has approached certain firms in that city with a business proposition.

## £9,000,000,000 INDEMNITY DEMANDED.

### Pan-Germans' Twelve Commandments.

In Berlin political circles says a special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle a "latent Kuehlmann crisis" is regarded as still existing. "Towards the week-end the sympathy and support given him by the Democratic parties appear to have shown a tendency to weaken." In addition, it is doubtful if the reactionaries are satisfied, and their Press generally adopts the standpoint that the Foreign Secretary's days are numbered. They have stopped support from Ludendorff, who is having the opportunity to impress his views on the Chancellor at Headquarters this week-end. The crisis recalls that which arose when Kuehlmann appeared inclined to act against the annexationists at Brest, and when General Hoffmann, as Ludendorff's representative, had to take strong action, and Ludendorff himself threatened to resign if the Pan-German views did not prevail. Kuehlmann had then, it will be remembered, to eat his words, just as he did the other day. The Pan-Germans, it would appear, are determined to "stand on no nonsense of this kind," so the odds are in favour of a Pan-German Foreign Minister should Kuehlmann go. In this connection it is interesting to note the arrival at Berlin of the retired Admiral Hinz, Minister at Christiania. During the naval crisis of October, when the Marine Minister, von Oespelle, nearly resigned consequent on the fleet mutiny revelations, Hinz was also called to Berlin and was regarded then as Oespelle's probable successor. He is a great friend of Tirpitz, and a thorough Pan-German. Though it is denied his present visit has anything to do with the crisis, the view is perhaps not incorrect that such a denial is circulated so that Hinz may be kept in the background till the appointment is arranged, thus preventing an immediate campaign against his candidature. The Berlin correspondent of the New York Journal, who is generally well informed, says Hinz may well be the successor of Kuehlmann.

German to be in Paris. Meanwhile, Count von Roon, an important member of the Prussian Upper House, sets forth in an article the striking twelve political commandments of the Pan-Germans. They are:—  
1. No armistice by sea or land until the British forces have left France and Belgium, and the Germans are in Paris.  
2. Annexation of Belgian territory, which, though having administrative autonomy, is to be under the military and economic control of Germany, while Flanders is to be independent, and the coast, up to and including Calais, to be annexed by Germany.  
3. Annexation of the Briey-Longwy region.  
4. France to surrender Belfort, Toul, Verdun, and all territory to the east of those forts.  
5. The return of all the German colonies, including Kiau-Chau.  
6. To bring about the freedom of the sea, England to surrender those fleet and coaling stations that to be decided upon, and Gibraltar to be returned to Spain.  
7. The whole British Navy to be surrendered to Germany.  
8. England to return Egypt, with the Suez Canal, to Turkey, as well as all occupied Turkish territory.  
9. Evacuation of Greece, and the restoration of King Constantine.  
10. Division of Serbia and Montenegro between Austria and Bulgaria.  
11. The payment of an indemnity of £9,000,000,000 by America, England and France, and the provision of necessary supplies of raw material.  
12. Occupation of French and Belgian territory to continue till the agreement is carried out, costs of occupation being defrayed by the enemy.

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### Lieut. Bud Fisher.

Bud Fisher, of "Matt and Jeff" fame, was gazetted recently to be Temp. Hon. Lieutenant whilst specially employed. He is, according to some critics, America's most popular humorous artist. He came over to this country in April to join the British R.F.A. "In America," he said in an interview, "we think it does not much matter whether you are in the American Army or the British or the French, so long as you are in one of them, for they are all fighting for the same cause."

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The Simla correspondent of the Times cables that an interesting indication of the attitude of certain of the frontier tribesmen is afforded by the expressions of loyalty of the Jirgahs of the lower Swat and the Ragh's tribes, who at the same time offered to hold the military posts and relieve the regular troops. Extraordinary figures for recruiting have been received from certain districts in the Punjab. In July Gojran furnished twice the number of men asked for, while the provinces as a whole provided nearly 17,000 more. Indications pointed to still heavier recruiting in August.

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